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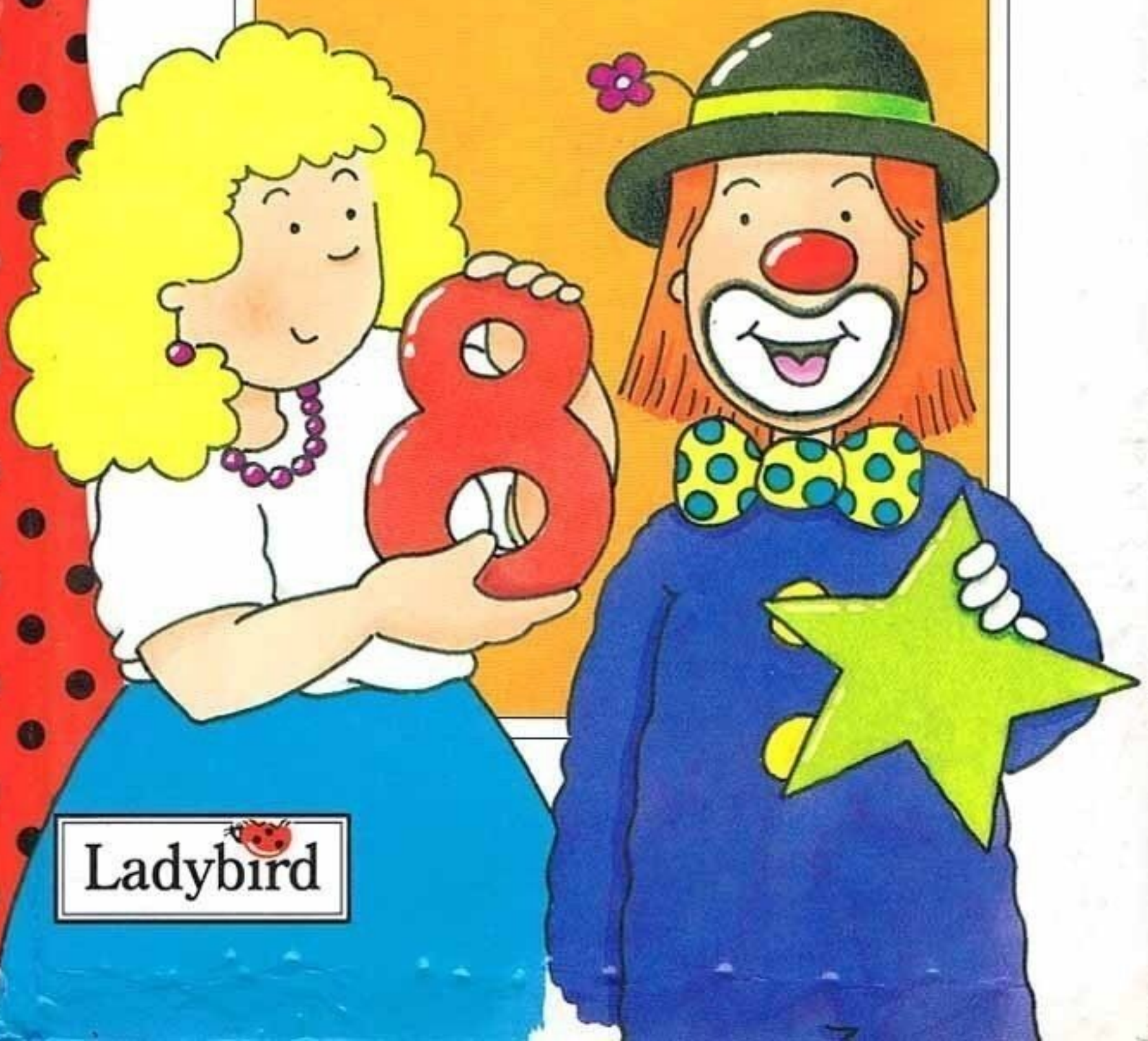

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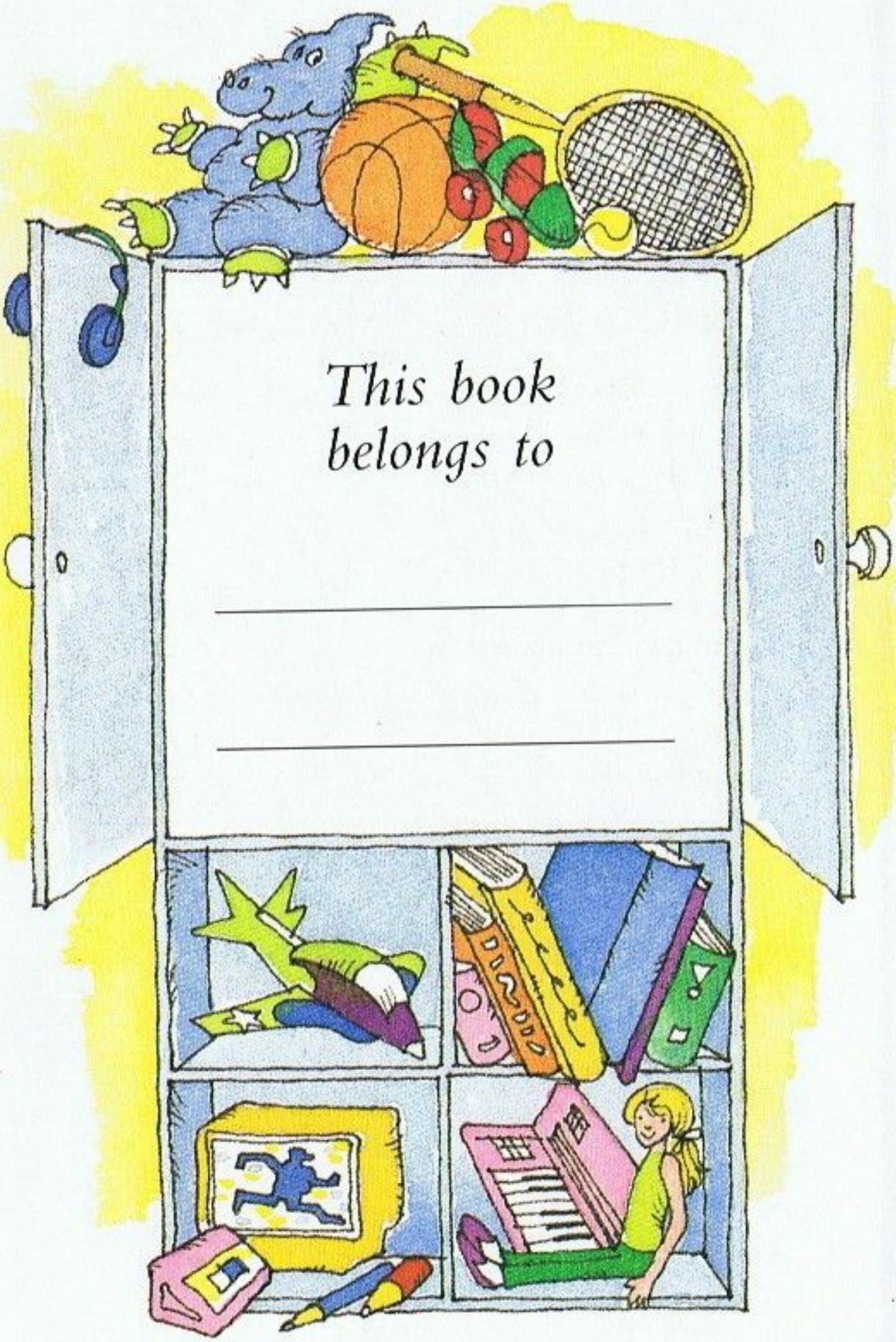
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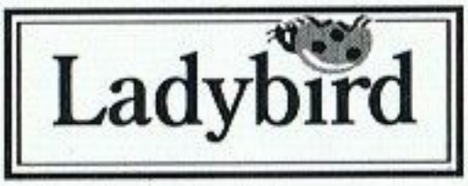
Counting, Colours and Shapes introduces young people learning English to the vocabulary of the numbers one to twenty, eleven basic colours and four basic shapes.

The concepts are presented by the visually appealing characters, Mr. and Mrs. Clown, who encourage and stimulate learning. A short, simple narrative text explains their actions and clearly describes the concepts. Numbers are introduced first, then colours, then shapes, so that the concepts are gradually introduced in a logical and easy to remember way.

Numbers, colours or shapes in words and pictures are repeated at the top of every page, and the reference pages at the end present all the concepts again in simple lists.

The *Counting, Colours and Shapes Workbook* in this new Ladybird series provides further practice in these three concepts, giving young people learning English an opportunity to read, write, draw and work out puzzles with the same basic vocabulary and appealing characters.



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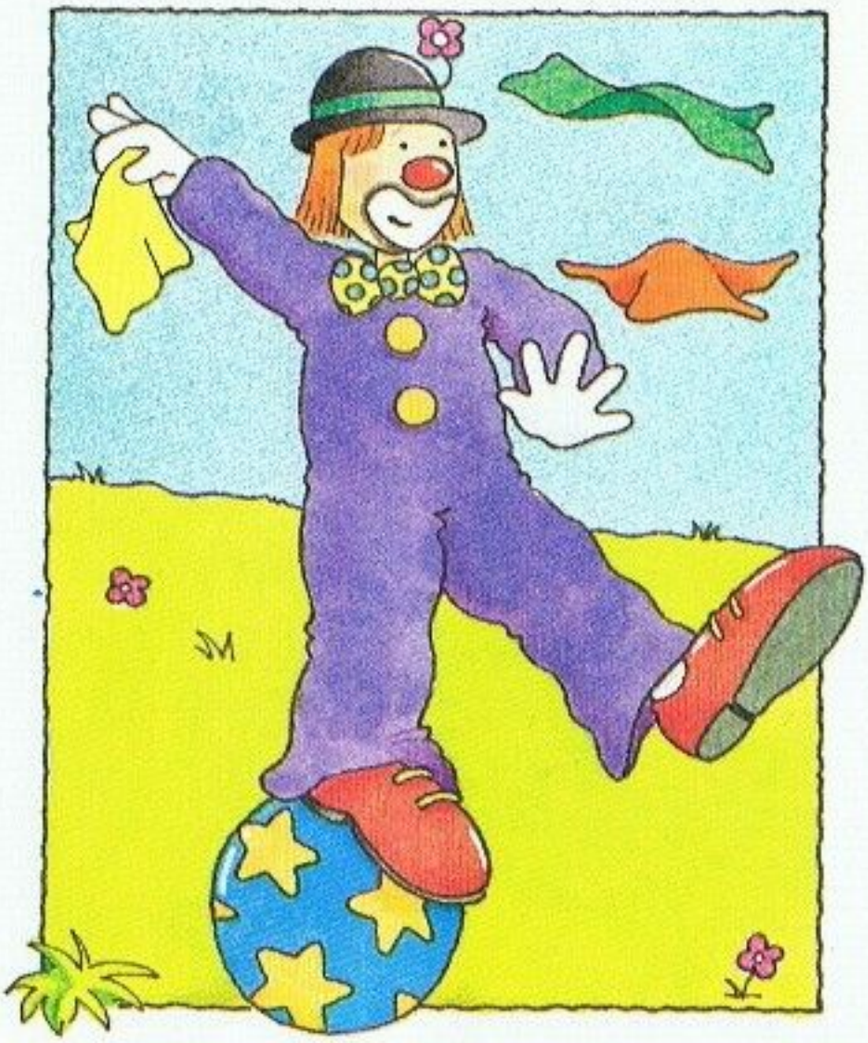

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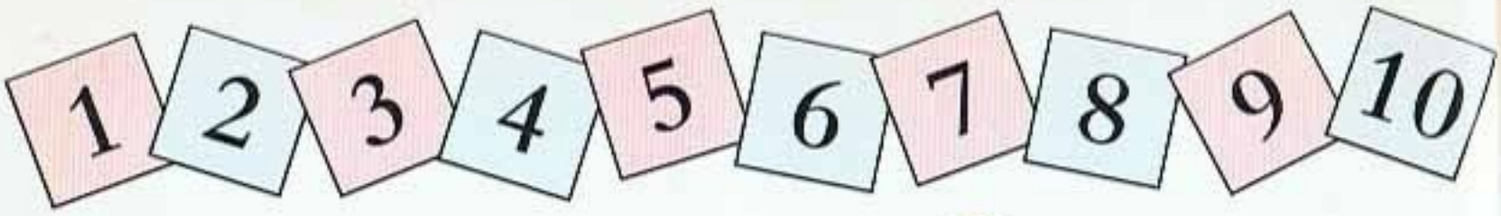
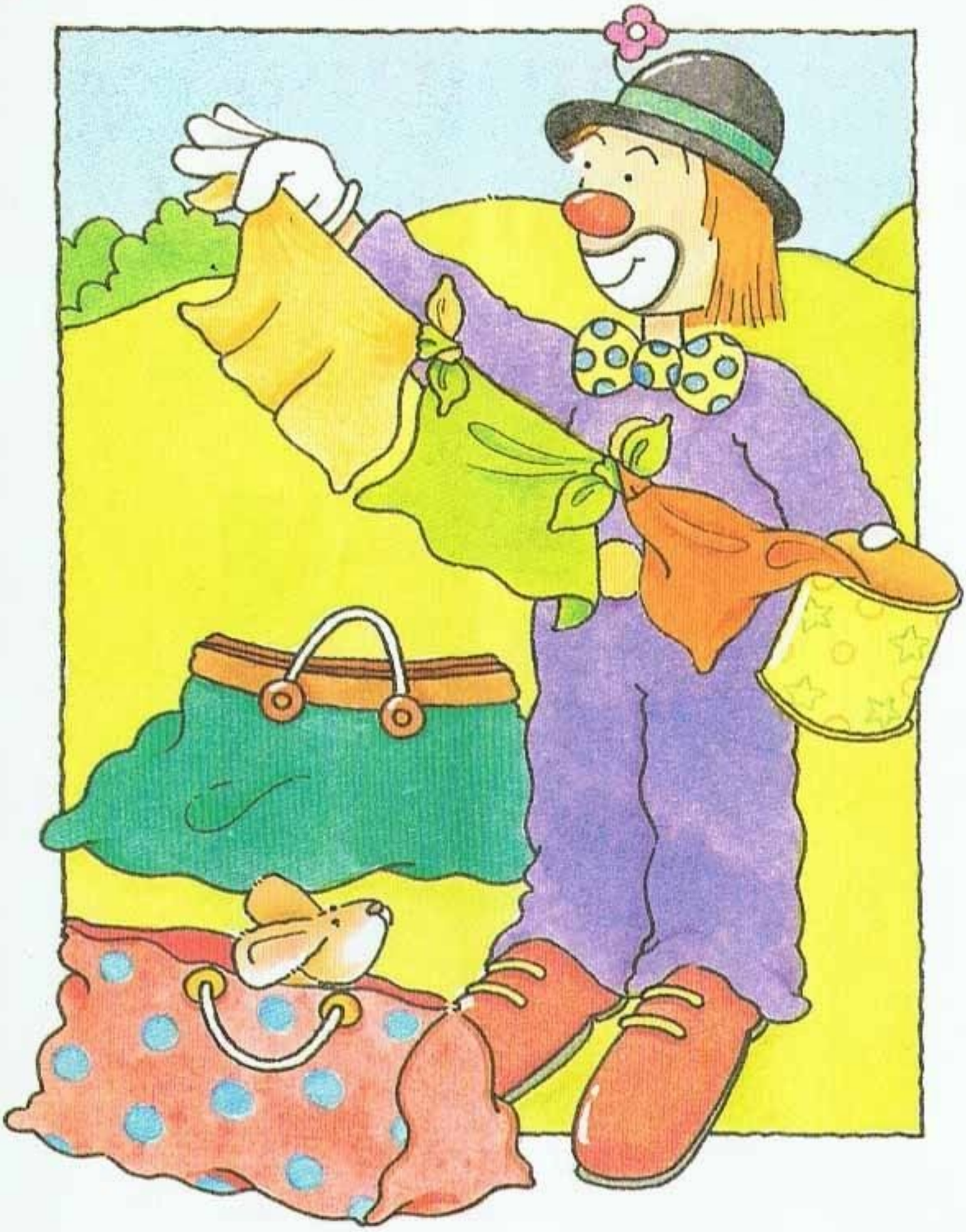
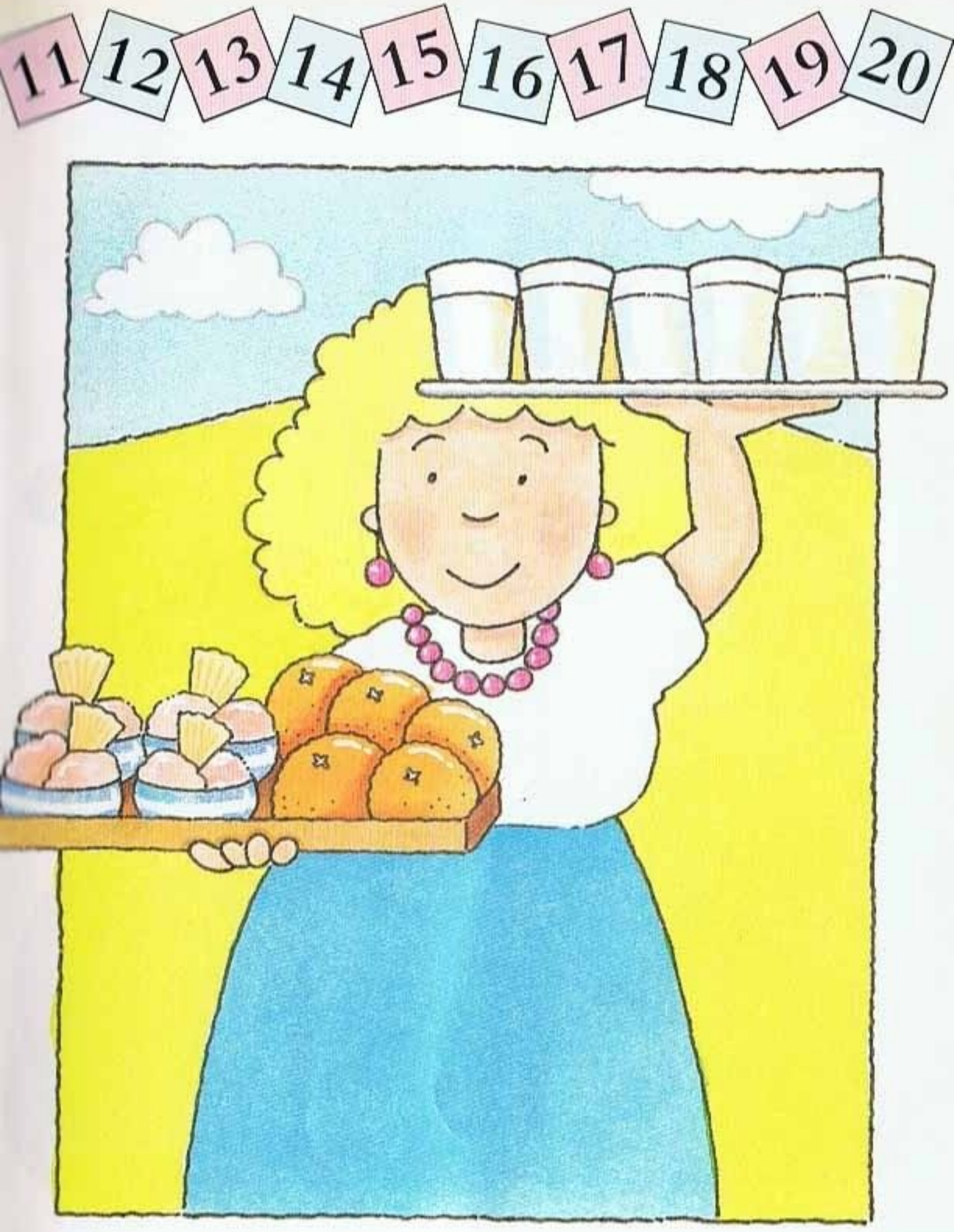
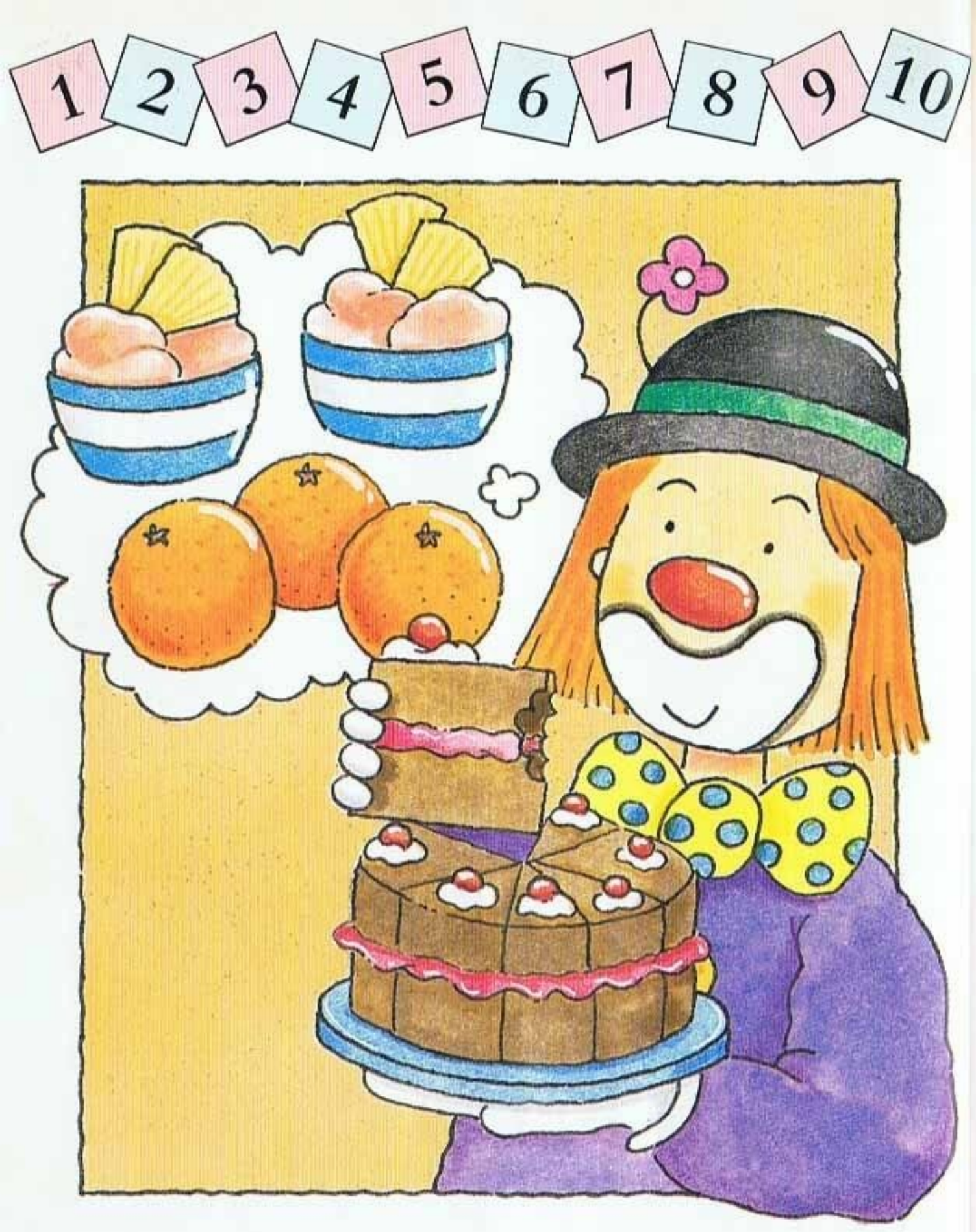




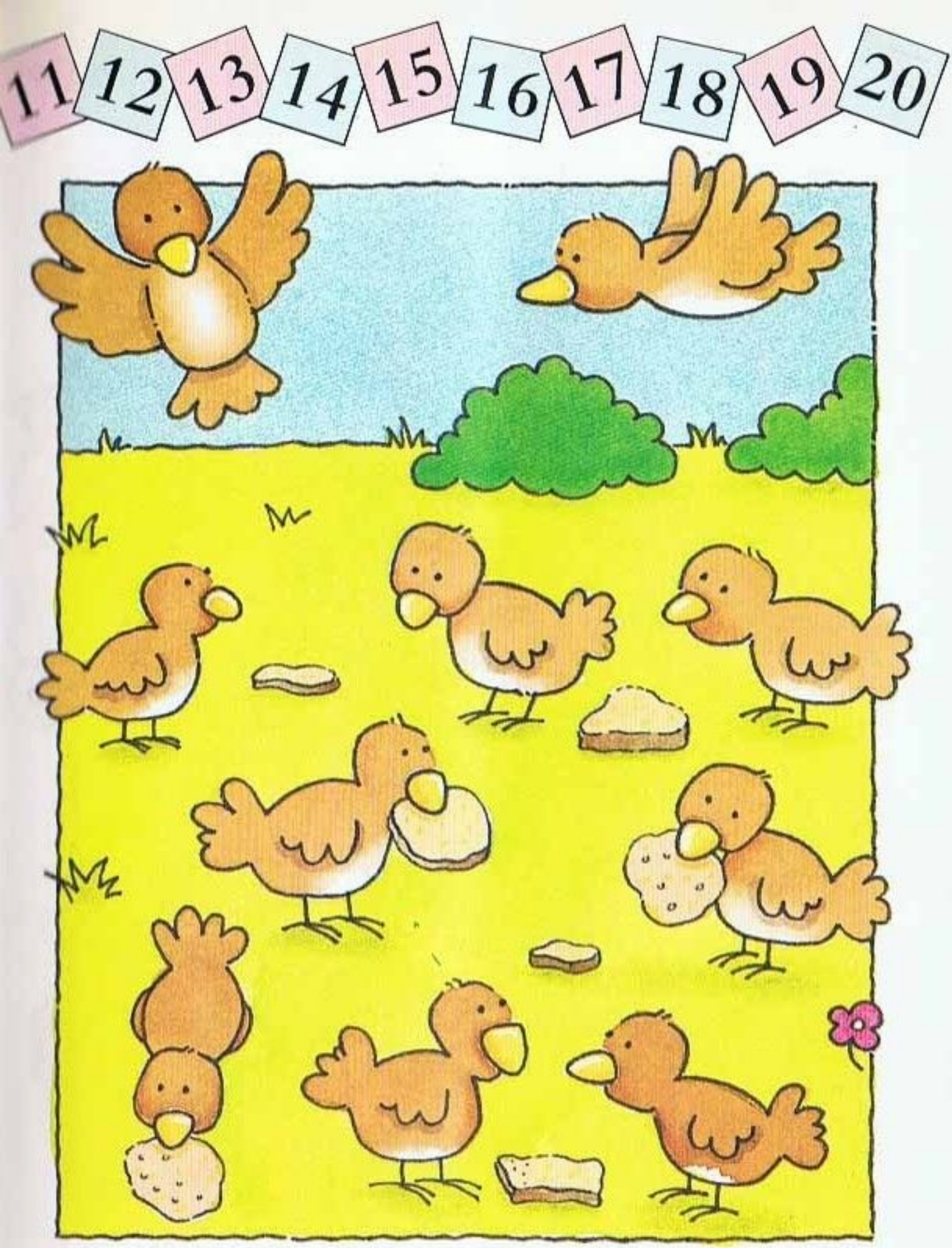
This is Mr. Clown. He has one hat, two bags and three handkerchiefs.



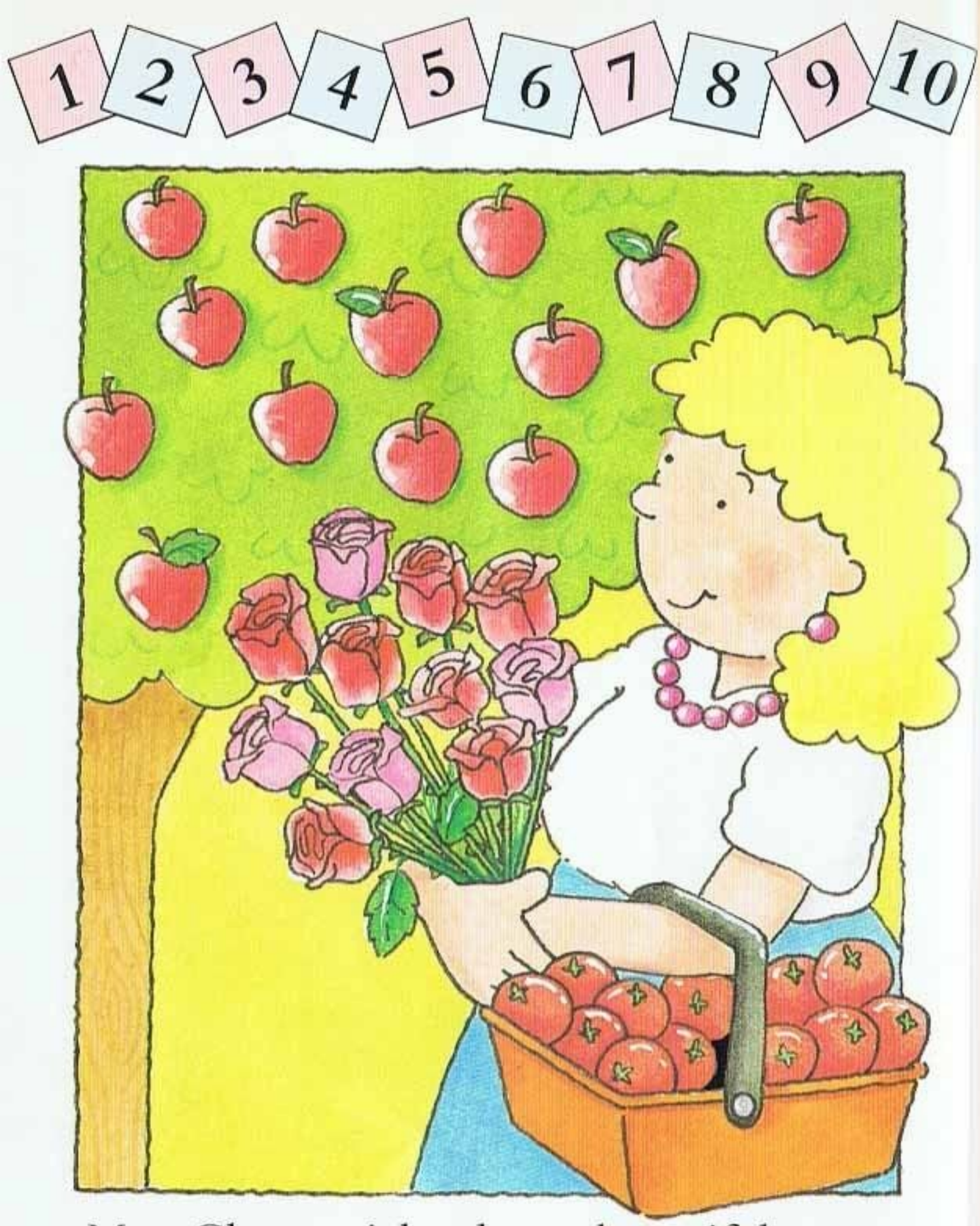
This is Mrs. Clown. She has four bowls of ice-cream, five oranges and six glasses of milk. She is very thirsty!



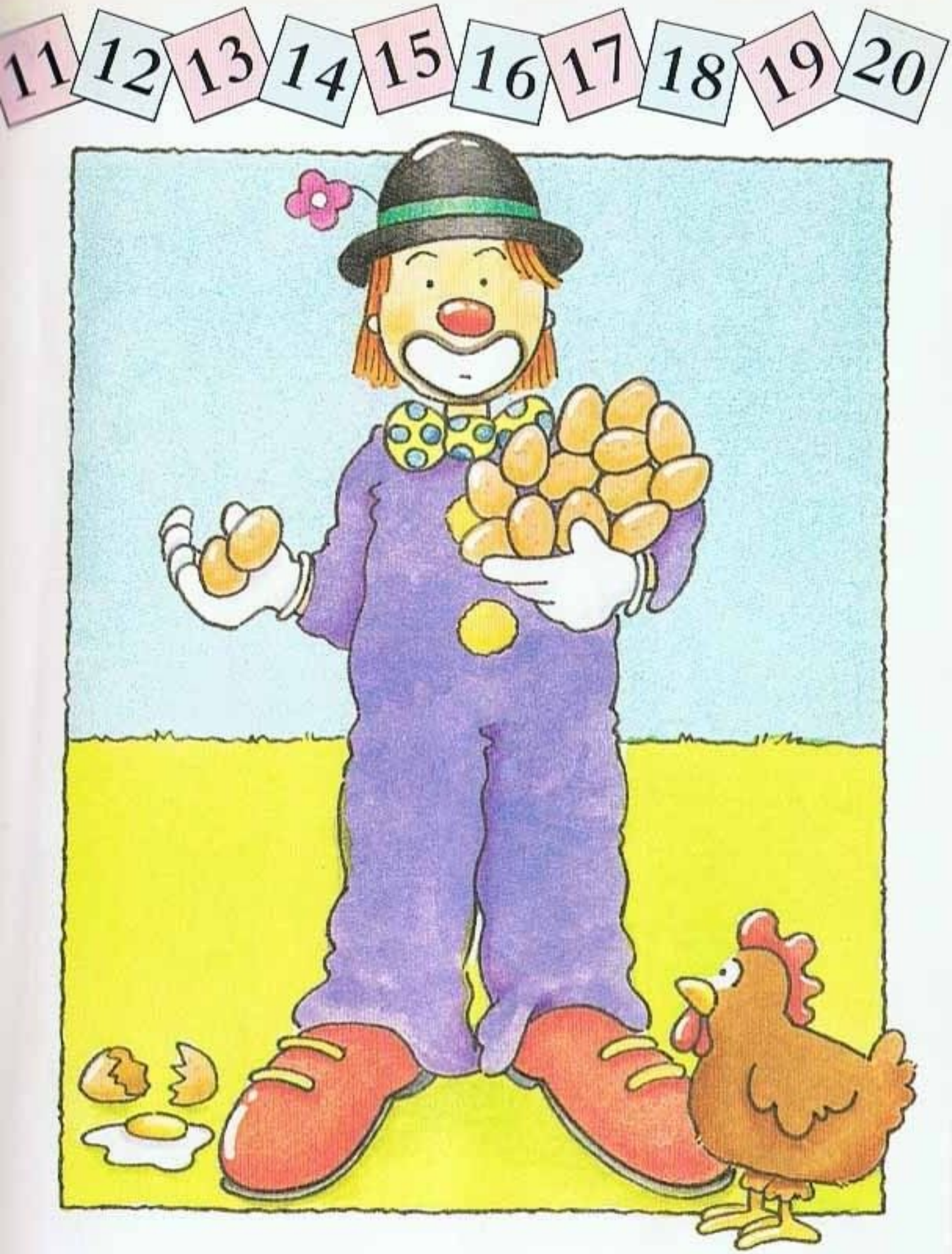
Mr. Clown is very hungry. He eats two bowls of ice-cream and three oranges. Then he eats seven large pieces of cake!



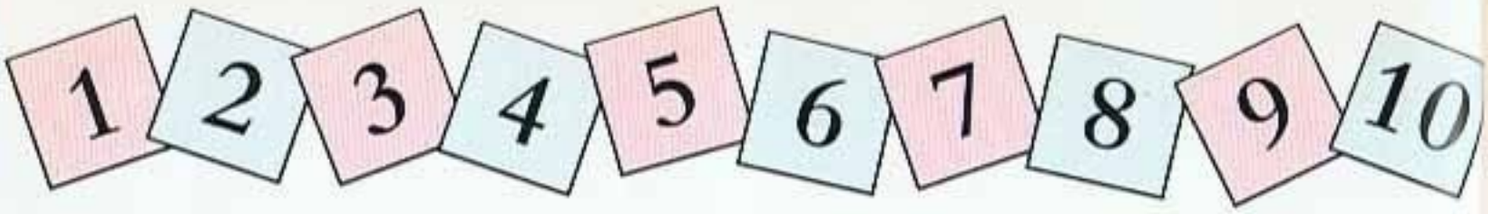
The birds are hungry too. At first there are only eight birds, then there are nine, then ten! They like the pieces of bread.



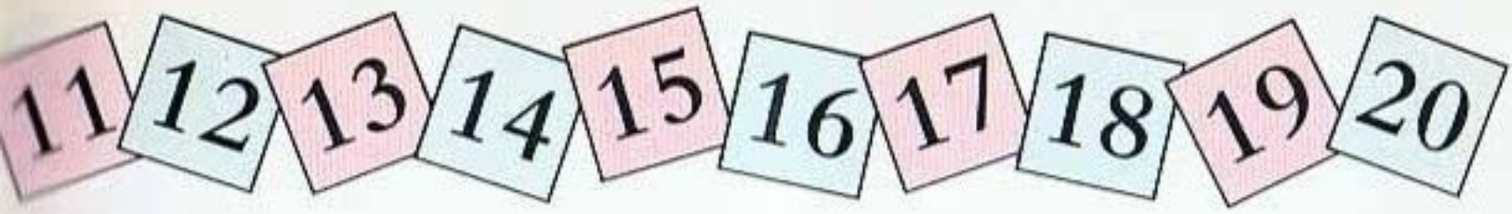
Mrs. Clown picks eleven beautiful roses and twelve round tomatoes. She is looking at the thirteen apples on the tree. Will they be good to eat?



Mr. Clown finds fourteen brown eggs.
Then he drops one! He finds two more.
Now he has fifteen. Can he carry them?



In the kitchen, Mrs. Clown puts sixteen labels on sixteen jars. Then she cleans seventeen spoons until they shine.

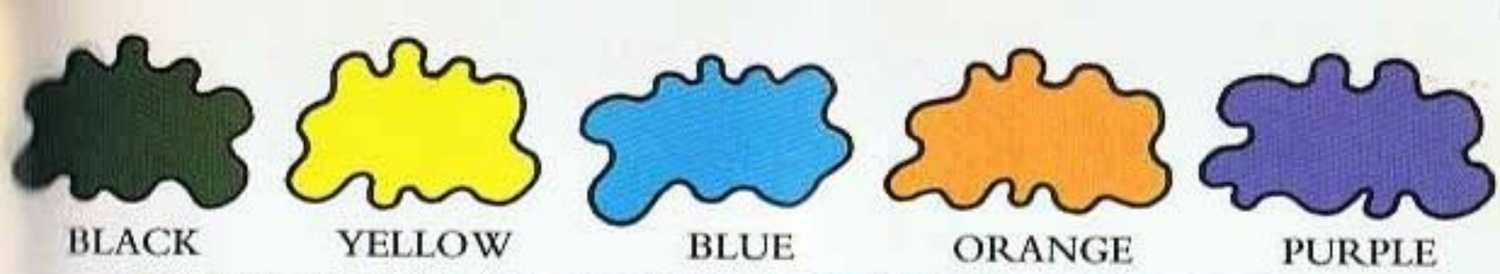


Mr. Clown paints another picture for his wall. Now there are eighteen! And there are nineteen flags on the cover of his book – and twenty brushes in the jars.

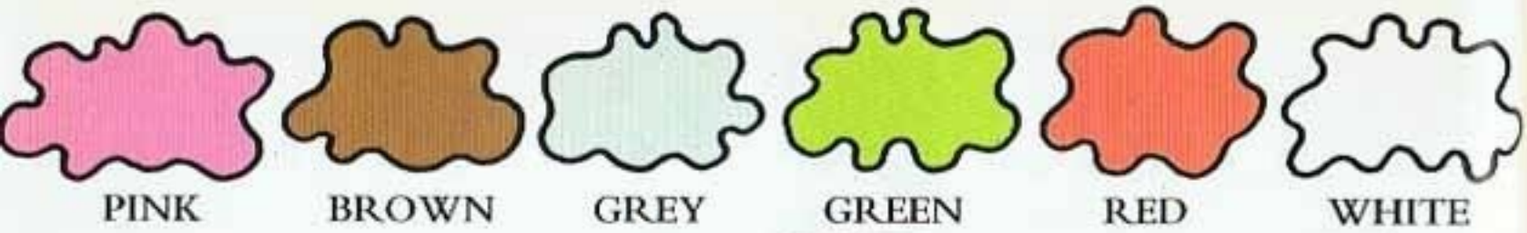
Mrs. Clown's roses are red and pink.
Their leaves are green. Her skirt is blue.
So are the two vases on the table.

Mr. Clown's hat is black. Two of his handkerchiefs are green and orange. Another one is bright yellow.

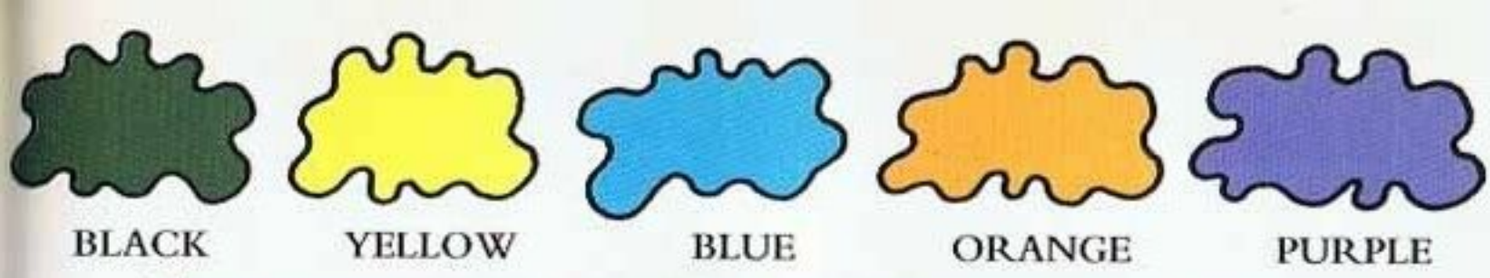
Mrs. Clown has yellow hair. She is wearing a white shirt and her favourite pink necklace. Her shoes are brown. She is making a purple dress.



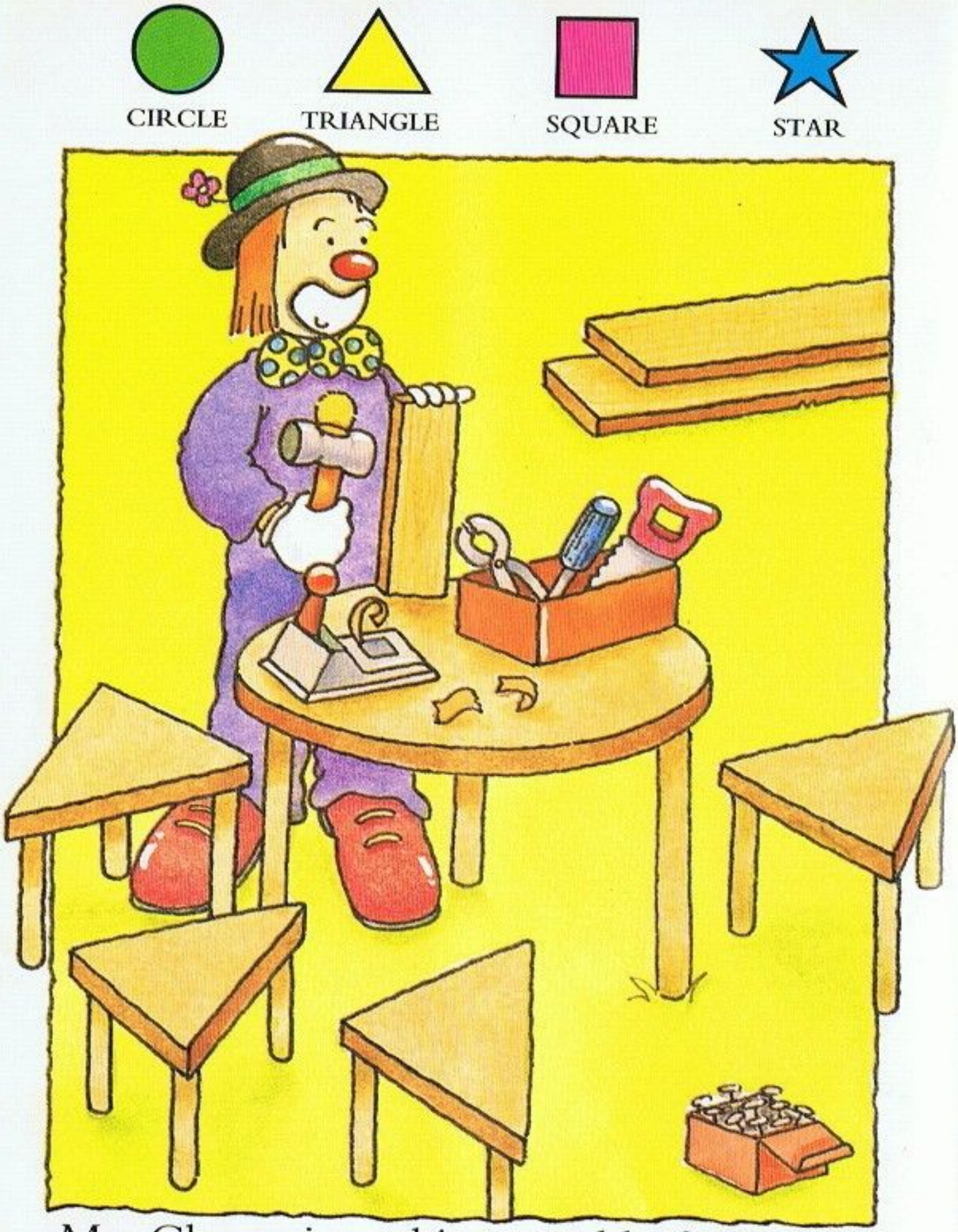
Mr. Clown is painting his old bicycle.
There is white paint on his black hat.
It looks grey! There is paint everywhere!



Mr. Clown decides to paint the door of his home. He gets a big can of yellow paint and a big brush.



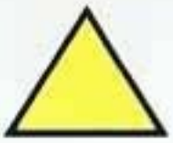
"No, thank you!" says Mrs. Clown. "Yellow is a terrible colour! I don't like it at all! Let's use this beautiful blue paint!"



Mr. Clown is making a table for picnics in the summer. It is shaped like a circle – it is round. He has made little chairs shaped like triangles.

Mrs. Clown comes to find her husband. She is carrying a square wooden box. What is in the box? Can you guess?

CIRCLE


TRIANGLE

SQUARE

STAR

Mrs. Clown puts six round blue plates on the table. "Be careful!" says Mr. Clown. "Don't break anything!"

"There are some round bowls too," says Mrs. Clown. She takes them out of the square box and puts them on the grass.

"This is like a round blue moon," says Mr. Clown. He holds up one of the bowls for Mrs. Clown to see.

"Yes," says Mrs. Clown. "And there is the real moon shining in the sky!"

CIRCLE

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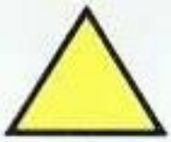
"I can see a circle of stars," says Mr. Clown. "They are light blue. They are the same colour as the moon."

CIRCLE


TRIANGLE

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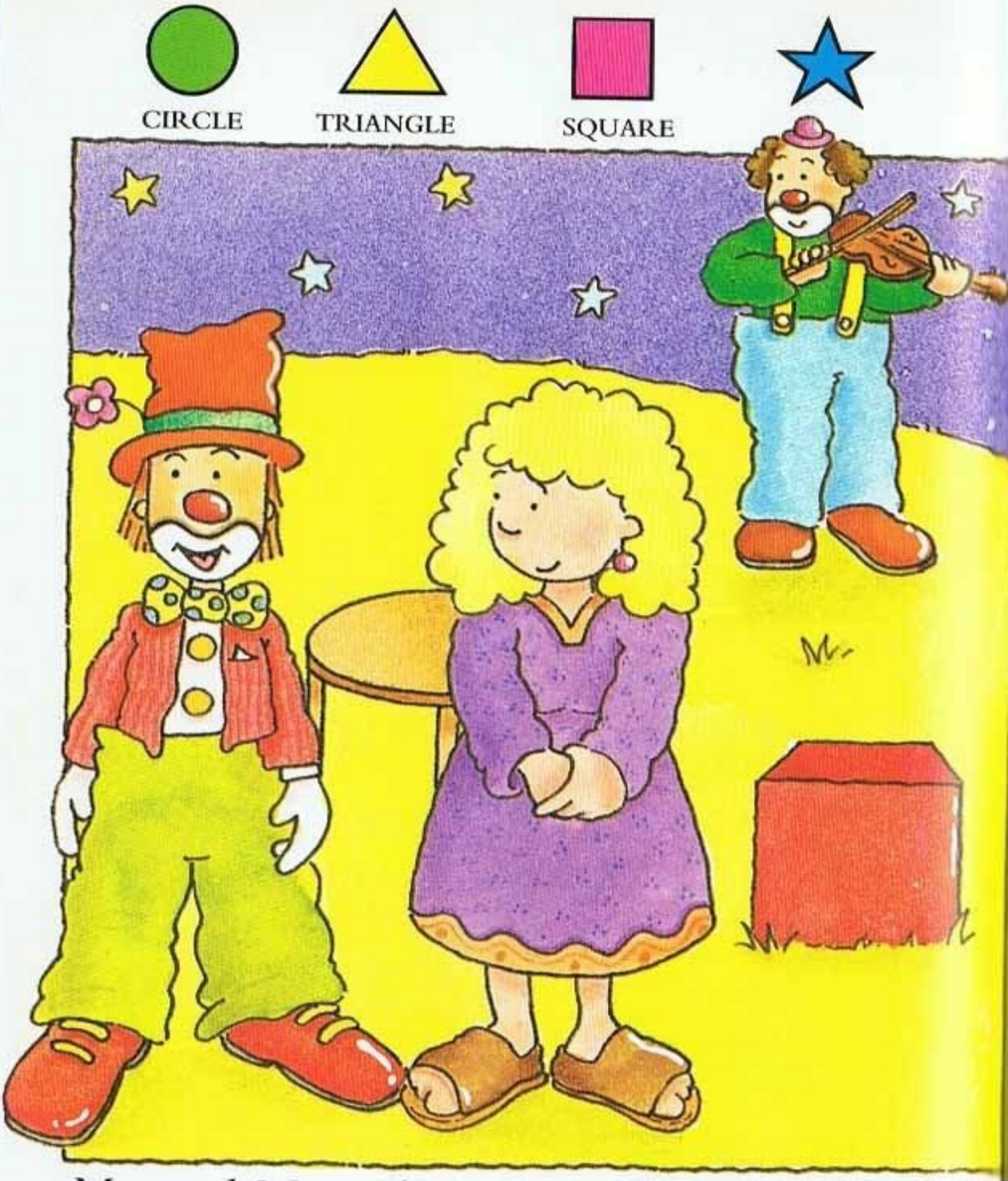
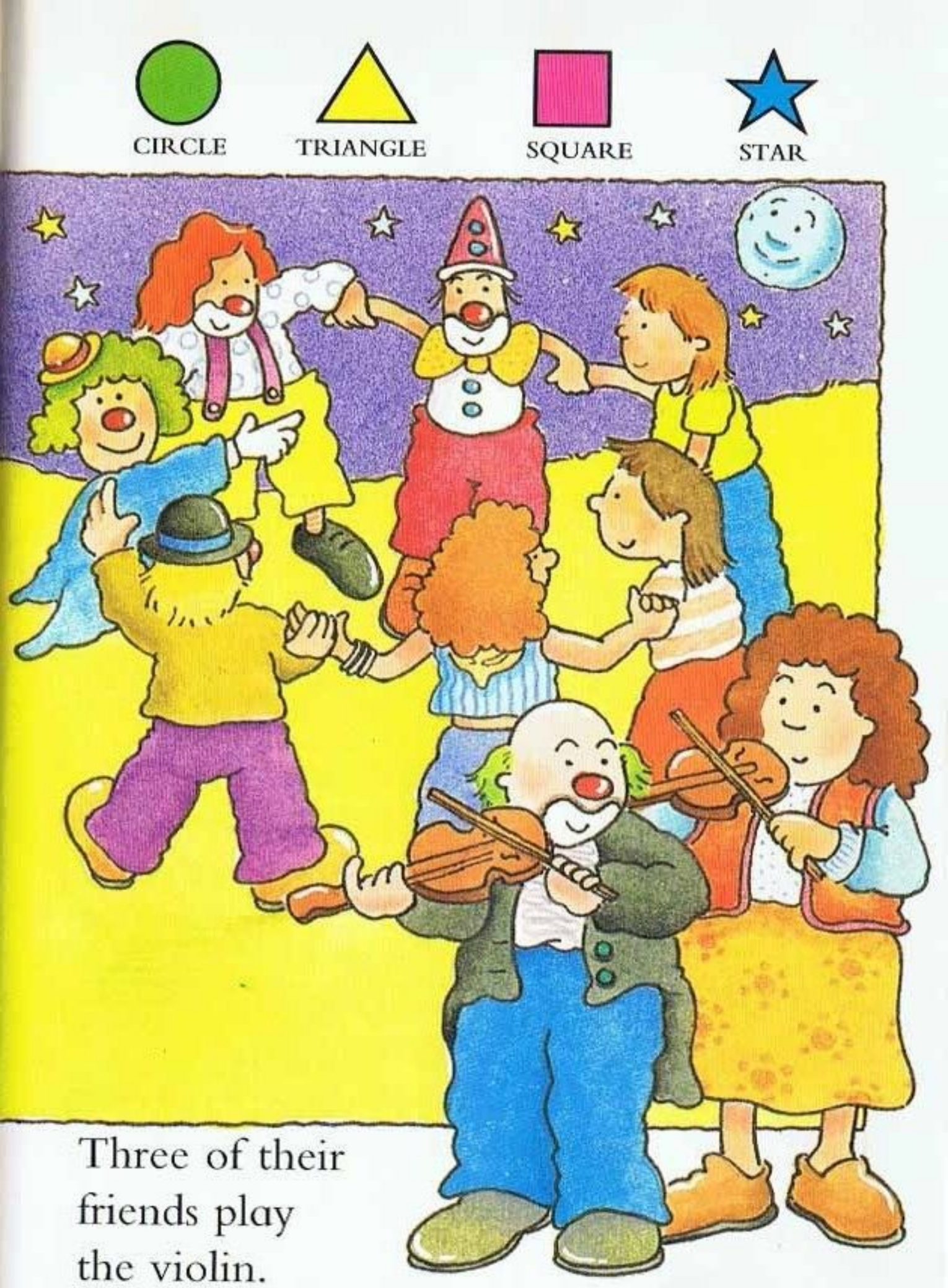
"I have some bright red paint," says Mrs. Clown. "Tomorrow I'll paint my square box."

"And I'll finish my round table," says Mr. Clown. "Let's have a party!"



Mr. and Mrs. Clown ask ten friends to their party. Mrs. Clown wears her new purple dress. Mr. Clown wears bright green trousers, a red jacket and a wonderful orange hat.

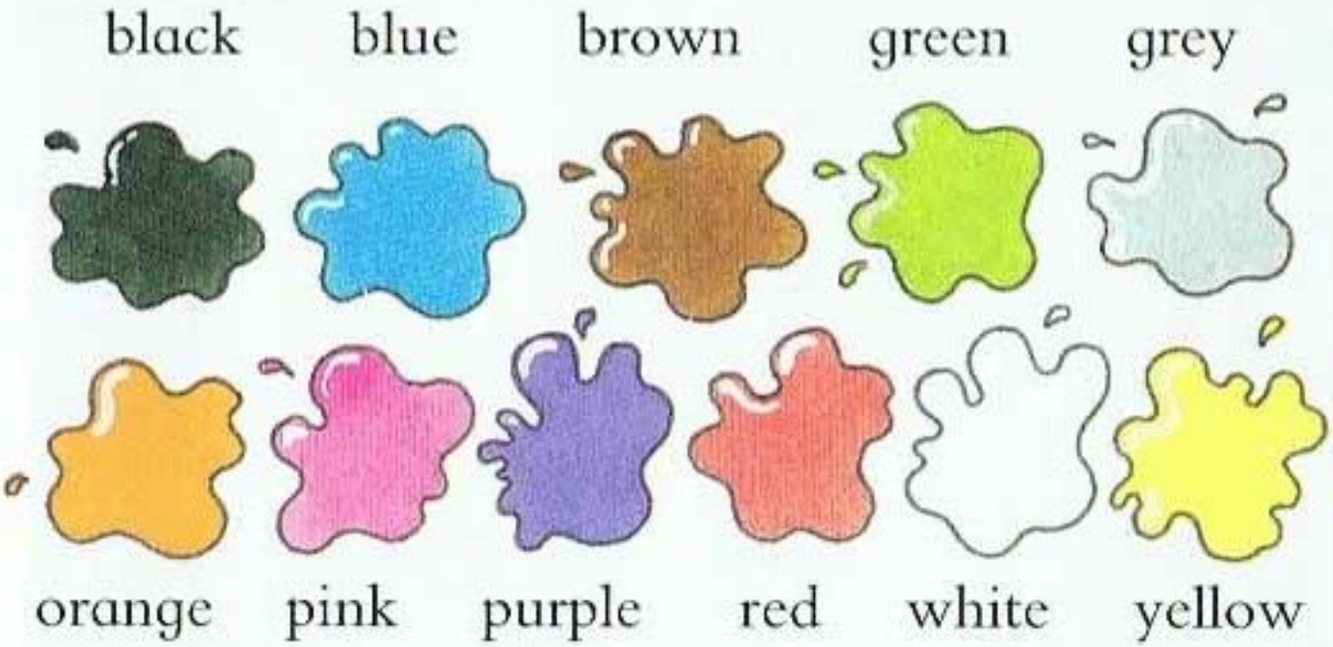


Three of their
friends play
the violin.
The others dance in a circle under the
shining stars and the round blue moon.

Numbers one to twenty (pages 4–11)

Colours (pages 12–17)

Here is a list of the colours in this book. The colours are in alphabetical order.



Shapes (pages 18–27)

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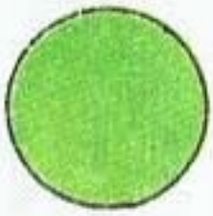
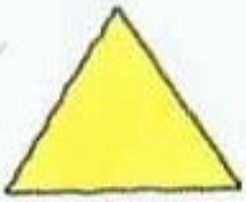


A circle is round.



A triangle has three sides.

A square has four sides.

A star has five points.

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